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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Lipton and Okamoto

Serial No: 09/876,187

Filed: June 5, 2001

For: METHODS OF DIFFERENTIATING)  
AND PROTECTING CELLS BY )  
MODULATING THE P38/MEF2 )  
PATHWAY )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed  
December 17, 2002, consideration of the following remarks is  
respectfully requested.

I. REMARKS

Claims 1 to 57 are pending. The Examiner alleges that  
the claims are directed to nine distinct and independent  
inventions as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 to 9 and 12 to 20, directed to  
methods of differentiating progenitor cells  
and methods of differentiating embryonic stem  
cells;